

## Condensed News Items

SHORT STORIES TERSELY TOLD FOR THE BENEFIT OF BUSY READERS.

### MISCELLANEOUS.

"The short skirt is hygienic, if nothing else can be said in its favor," Mrs. Elizabeth O. Middleton of Kansas City, Mo., director of the World's and National Women's Christian Temperance Union, said in an address to a group of high school girls at Philadelphia.

Urban Ledoux, the "Mr. Zero" of the recent unemployment crisis, began a one-man picketing campaign against the arms conference. Ledoux, while parading in front of the Pan-American Union Building, carried his heart-covered umbrella, a Bible and a lighted lantern.

Proposals for union of all Presbyterian and Reformed churches in the United States have been deferred indefinitely, owing to inability of representatives of the various denominations to agree on a unification program said a report on the special conference investigating the matter, made public at New York.

Charles W. Morse of New York, who was recalled to this country from France by Attorney General Daugherty, was served at Washington with a warrant alleging conspiracy to defraud the government and the Emergency Fleet Corporation, in which the United States is a stockholder.

Former Mayor James M. Curley was elected mayor of Boston by a plurality of 2,315 votes over John H. Murphy, former fire commissioner, in one of the closest mayoralty contests in the history of the city. The other two candidates ran far behind.

Ninety federal and state prohibition agents conducted a raid in New York's tenderloin district, arresting 13 persons and summoning 10 restaurant and hotel proprietors for violation of the prohibition laws.

Discovery by a farmer near Danville, Ill., of the body of John Flaretry with a bullet hole in his head, sitting upright in his automobile, furnished a mystery which the authorities are trying to solve.

### PERSONAL.

Mrs. Jake Hamon, widow of the millionaire Oklahoma oil man who was slain by Clara Smith Hamon a year ago, will become the bride of William L. Rohrer, retired banker of Chicago. It was announced. He is a patron of art and music.

### LABOR.

Rebellion against "hellish autocracy" was defended at Springfield, Ill., in a statement issued by President Frank Harrington of the Illinois Mine Workers, whose executive board has refused to comply with the command of the international union that financial support for striking Kansas miners be withdrawn.

Alleged disposition by the plasterers' union and abuse of power enabling it "to string up the entire building industry of New York City by the neck" was attacked before the Lockwood Legislative Committee of New York by Samuel Untermyer, its counsel.

Executives of leading lithographic establishments throughout the country announced that, after a two days' conference at New York, it had been decided to introduce January 1 a wage cut of 12 per cent for all journeymen not under contract.

### DOMESTIC.

Nearly \$1,000,000,000 now practically idle in the United States is expected to seek investment abroad if present progress maintains in the conference on limitation of armaments and the Pacific and the Far Eastern questions, says a Washington report.

Directors of the New York Central Railroad Company adopted a plan for calling in outstanding stocks of the Cleveland, Cincinnati, Chicago and St. Louis Railroad and the Peoria and Eastern Railroad, both of which it controls.

The administrative committee of the American Bankers' Association at a meeting at Washington reaffirmed the opposition to the soldiers' bonus bill voiced at the annual convention of the association, held in Los Angeles, last October.

In a decision, epoch-making in the history of aeronautics, the United States circuit court of appeals at New York held that Glenn H. Curtiss was the first person to invent and operate a flying boat and issued an order awarding him the Broad patent for hydroairplanes.

The railroads are in no position financially to conduct further experiments in reducing rates and that such a practice would result in restoration of railroad business is illusory. This was the gist of testimony before the Interstate Commerce Commission by representatives of the carriers.

A \$20,000,000 appropriation would be available for the purchase of grain and other food products for distribution in the famine districts of Russia under a bill favorably reported by the House Foreign Affairs Committee.

Final payments to railroads by the government on claims and adjustments arising out of war-time control are estimated to require \$243,042,000, according to a report sent by Director General of Railroads Davis to the Senate in response to a resolution introduced by Senator La Follette (Rep.) of Wisconsin.

A new altitude record of 25,000 feet for two-passenger airplanes has been established, according to officers of the army air service, by Lieut. Leigh Wade of McCook Field, Dayton, Ohio.

The body of Representative John A. Elston of California was found floating in the Potomac River, near Washington. A note found in the Congressman's coat said he was caught in "a chain of circumstances which spelled ruin."

The light cruiser Concord, one of the ten of this type being built by the government, was launched at Cramps Shipyard, Philadelphia. The cruiser was sponsored by Miss Helen Bagley Buttrick, of Concord, Mass., after which place the ship was named.

Congressman Thomas L. Blanton, of Texas, charged that Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, through legislative domination, is "throttling the government" in an address at the annual banquet of the Illinois Manufacturers' Association at Chicago.

William A. Small, 26 years old, honorably discharged member of the 28th Infantry, 1st Division, declared at Little Rock, Ark., that he was an eyewitness to the execution by hanging of 15 American soldiers in France and that he is willing to go to Washington to testify before the Senate investigating committee.

Assets of the United States Shipping Board and Emergency Fleet Corporation, as of last June 30, are given as \$3,070,599.18 in the report of the board for the fiscal year 1921, made public at Washington. Ships owned and controlled numbered 1,740 on that date, and the number tied up was 987, representing about 48 per cent of the total tonnage.

### ACCIDENT.

One miner is known to have lost his life and four others still are entombed in the Satanic mine of the Colorado Collieries Company, near Morrison, where they were overcome by fire damp while fighting a fire in the mine.

The first death of a passenger riding on an Illinois Central suburban train since the road's suburban service, which carries 2,500,000 passengers a month, was established 50 years ago, occurred when two trains collided near the 31st street station, Chicago.

### CRIMINAL.

Seven corporations, one individual manufacturer and nine officers of corporations engaged in the manufacture and distribution of terra cotta, who recently pleaded guilty to violation of the Sherman anti-trust law at New York, were fined \$3,000 each.

Mrs. Pearl Williams, for whose death Mrs. Perry Conkle was recently convicted of manslaughter at Wheeling, W. Va., left \$8,000 to Mrs. Conkle, according to Mrs. Williams' will, filed for probate.

"Curly" Hackney, white, about 30 years old, arrested in connection with an attack on an 8-year-old girl, was taken from the city jail at Waco, Tex., and hanged three miles south of town. He confessed, according to the police.

George Ryan, superintendent of the Dyersburg Milling Company, and Lonnie Tisdale, participants in a pistol duel near the Illinois Central station at Dyersburg, Tenn., are both dead, each having killed the other instantly.

Jailer Allen and son, Robert, his deputy, were killed, and Mrs. Margaret Allen and Mrs. Mary Allen, wives of the two, respectively, were seriously wounded at Jackson, Ky., when a mob attempted to take two men convicted of murder from the Breathitt county jail.

Pausing at intervals to explain his action, Angelo Giurando of Rockford, Ill., shot Andrea Anato five times, killing him, in the principal street at Independence, La. Giurando charged the other man with home wrecking.

Jack Howard, the convict who shot and killed Tom Slaughter, leader in the spectacular prison delivery at Little Rock, Ark., was arrested by Sheriff J. J. Crow, of Saline county, at Benton on a charge of first degree murder.

Withdrawing the plea of "not guilty by reason of insanity," Roy Gardner, twice convicted of mail robberies, has pleaded guilty in the United States district court at Phoenix, Ariz., to another charge of having attempted to rob a mail car and received his third sentence of 25 years in a federal penitentiary.

### FOREIGN.

The West Virginia "privilege" tax upon transportation of oil and gas by pipe lines within that state was held invalid by the Supreme Court.

A sergeant of the Royal Irish constabulary was shot and killed and a constable was wounded at Ballybunion by unknown persons, says a report from Cork.

Gold and jewels estimated to be worth 50,000,000 Polish marks—the Russian government's first payment to Poland under the treaty of peace signed at Riga, March 18 last, have arrived at Warsaw. Diamonds, rubies and other precious stones and gold bars, filling 100 cases in all, were brought here on a special train under military escort.

## 15 CANDIDATES FOR DELEGATES NAMED

COMMITTEES AGREE ON FUSION SLATE FOR CONSTITUTIONAL DELEGATES-AT-LARGE.

St. Louisan, Formerly Solicitor-General of the United States, Has Been Mentioned for Chairmanship of Convention.

Jefferson City, Mo.—Co-operating in framing a slate for the 15 delegates-at-large to the constitutional convention to be called by Governor Hyde for a date within six months after January 31, the republican and democratic committees acted with a surprising disregard of narrow organization politics and without consideration of the demands of labor, the farmers or other special interests.

The Republicans picked seven out-and-out Republicans, and the Democrats seven out-and-out Democrats, but with very few exceptions those selected have had some part in affairs of the state above that dictated by partisan advantage.

The fifteenth on the slate is Frederick W. Lehmann, St. Louis lawyer, who, for the purposes of the constitutional convention, is considered an independent. He left the Democratic party in 1896 because he could not follow Bryan and the majority on the free silver issue.

### MISSOURIAN IS KILLED RESISTING HOLDUP

Irondale, Mo.—Refusing to submit to being held up, James Birchall, 31, living near here, was shot to death by two highwaymen. Two suspects have been arrested.

Birchall and his father were driving along a lonely road about three miles east of here when two men sprang in front of the vehicle with the command, "Hands up." Instead of doing so, the younger Birchall drew his revolver and fired five shots at the bandits, none of which are believed to have taken effect. One of the pair returned the fire and young Birchall was shot through the head and died almost instantly. Birchall, Sr., was not injured. His son is survived by a widow and three small children.

### JOHN W. JACKS BURIED IN MONTGOMERY CITY

Montgomery City, Mo.—John W. Jacks, whose funeral was held here recently, was one of the ablest newspaper men in Missouri. Hon. E. W. Stephens of Columbia, whose career was parallel with that of Jacks, and who spoke at the funeral in behalf of the Missouri Press Association, has been a newspaper man equally as long, 12 years.

### Says Ruling Threatens Other Rights.

Jefferson City, Mo.—Legislative authority delegated to many cities, school and road districts, and to the Missouri Public Service Commission, is likely to become void if the sense of the majority opinion holding invalid the recent edict of the State of Missouri is pursued in Judge David E. Blair, Republican member of the Supreme Court, warned in handing down a dissenting opinion.

Judge Blair said there is a very serious doubt in his mind whether any duties delegated by legislative act can be carried out because the powers of the referendum do not apply to boards and commissions to which such duties have been delegated. He bases such a conclusion upon the majority ruling that all "legislative powers have been centralized in a given and single forum, so that the referendum and initiative right of the people would be preserved."

### Rail Shopmen Laid Off.

Crane, Mo.—The shop and yard force of the Missouri Pacific Railroad in this city has been reduced. The men laid off included machinist helpers, boiler-makers and helpers, and men from several other departments. Officials have announced that the men will be put back to work by the first of the year if business conditions show improvement.

### Reinstates Probation Officer.

Sedalia, Mo.—Circuit Judge Hopkins B. Shain decided that W. E. Polndexter, who was retired as probation officer by the Pettis County court last September, is still probation officer, and his term will not expire until January, 1923.

### Missouri Pastor Recalled.

Whiteside, Mo.—Rev. W. B. Williams, of Bowling Green, Mo., was unanimously recalled to the pastorate of the First Baptist Church here at the regular business meeting for the 1922 pastoral year.

### Telephone System Sold.

Butler, Mo.—The Butler-Rich Hill telephone system, owned by A. J. Earhart, was sold to D. W. Hern, of Rockville, Mo., for \$75,000.

### Spanish-American War Major Married.

Sedalia, Mo.—Major William F. Logan, a veteran of the Spanish-American and World wars, and Mrs. Gertrude Coen, were married by Rev. R. M. Inlow, pastor of the First Baptist Church. They left for St. Louis on their honeymoon.

### Corn Kink Lectures.

Mexico, Mo.—Sam Jordan, the corn kink of Missouri, came to this city to deliver several lectures under the auspices of the Missouri State Board of Agriculture.

### 80-YEAR-OLD WOMAN WHO WED STEPSON, 50, DIES

Maryville, Mo.—Mrs. Mary E. Leslie, of Cumberland, Ia., who 18 months ago, at the age of nearly 80, eloped to Maryville with her stepson, William W. Leslie, 30 years her junior, is dead at the family home on a farm near Cumberland, and has willed her estate of \$200,000 to her husband.

County Recorder Dan Baker and a few others, who were in the recorder's office at the time of the wedding, said that Mrs. Leslie was so weak she was unable to stand during the ceremony. It was said at that time the marriage was performed so the property of Mrs. Leslie would go to her husband.

### ESCAPED BLACK LEOPARD IS SLAIN BY A FARMER

Houston, Mo.—The black leopard that escaped from its keepers at Kansas City about two months ago was killed near here. Matt Todd, a farmer, was out fox hunting and on his return home his hounds located the animal in a brush site near Ellis Prairie, 10 miles north of here. Todd shot the leopard, but apparently without effect, for it ran. After running a quarter of a mile the leopard halted and put up a fight, standing off all four of the hounds. When Todd reached the scene he shot and killed the leopard, which was 6 feet long from tip to tip and weighed 65 pounds.

### BOARD OF HEALTH EXTENDS TIME FOR VACCINATION

Jefferson City, Mo.—The State Board of Health has delayed the going into effect of a resolution adopted at a meeting of the board in St. Louis, December 9, requiring persons traveling on railroad trains or street railways outside the corporate limits of cities to present evidence of having been vaccinated within the past three years. The original resolution was made effective December 15. The date has now been extended until December 22, and meantime the board will hold a meeting at Kansas City, on December 20.

### Successor to Absconding Cashier.

Mexico, Mo.—Charles Householder, a farmer of Audrain County, has been elected cashier of the Bank of Thompson, Thompson, Mo., in the place of Virgil Hulen, who disappeared, sending back a letter saying he had taken some of the funds of the bank, but would be back in several years to "make good."

The loss of the bank will be covered fully by Hulen's bond of \$5,000.

The report that Hulen left with a young woman of the neighborhood has not been verified, although she is still missing.

### Asked to Remove Women From Pen.

Jefferson City, Mo.—A committee from the Missouri Welfare League, composed of Miss Carol Bates and Mrs. Ben R. Freese of St. Louis and Mrs. E. L. Calfee of Unionville, appeared before the State Prison Board and urged that the 80 women convicts confined in the female department be taken from the penitentiary and placed on one of the prison farms.

### Pastor Gets Two Medals.

Sedalia, Mo.—Rev. C. G. Fox, rector of Calvary Episcopal Church, who served as chaplain in the Canadian expeditionary forces in Flanders and France, received two medals, a Canadian Victory Medal and a British medal given soldiers who served in the front-line trenches.

### Banker's Wife Dies in Trenton, Mo.

Trenton, Mo.—Mrs. A. J. Bowne, mother of Mrs. Don V. McVay, died here. She was the widow of Andrew J. Bowne, former Michigan banker and president of the Grand Rapids (Mich.) Railways Company and for many years a leading figure in Michigan affairs.

### Hunter Bitten by Snake.

Lebanon, Mo.—James Lewis, while hunting, was bitten twice on the head by a copperhead snake. The attack occurred while he was looking in a hole for some game. The snake was basking in the sun.

### Farm Sold for \$61,960.

Sedalia, Mo.—Holmes Hall, master in chancery, held the bankrupt sale of John Wesson, a cattleman of Monticello County, and sold an 840-acre farm for \$61,960. The personal property brought \$4,000.

### Banquet for Road Commissioner.

Macon, Mo.—The Community Club of this city gave a smoker and banquet in honor of Theodore Gary, who has been appointed a member of the State Highway Commission by Governor Hyde.

### Masonic Festival at Kennett.

Kennett, Mo.—A Masonic festival was held in this city under the auspices of the local Masonic lodge. A number of Missouri grand officers were here.

### Storage Plant for Lawson, Mo.

Lawson, Mo.—A cold storage plant will be erected here by Russell and Rutledge, produce dealers.

### Man Held for Assault Had Still.

Marshall, Mo.—Walter Nugent, awaiting the action of the grand jury on a charge of assault to kill, will be called upon to answer another charge for operating a moonshine still on a farm northeast of this city. Sheriff Logsdon found a still and 27 barrels of mash. Other arrests may follow.

### Dies From Injured Toe.

Sedalia, Mo.—Charles T. Kiblinger, 51, a Missouri Pacific shopman, died of tetanus, resulting from an injured toe.



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### KNOW HOLY LAND GEOGRAPHY

Insurance Man Could Do More Than Guess at the Birthplace of His Acquaintance.

An insurance man of Indianapolis, who is also a Biblical student, was recently making his usual weekly calls in Irvington, and stopped at a residence to inquire of the young woman at the door about the birthplace of her mother.

She said that it was the same name of a town mentioned in the Bible.

"Was it Jerusalem?" he asked.

"No, but I am sure it was a town near there," she said.

"Well, then," the man replied, "it must have been Antioch."

So in the evening when the mother returned home from a social function the daughter related the conversation that had taken place when the insurance man called.

"It seems strange," said the mother, "but he was right. I was born in a little town in Ohio by the name of Antioch, and nearby was another village called Jerusalem."—Indianapolis News.

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### "MISSING" MAN WAS CONVICT

Long Mourned as Dead, English Woman Learns Her Husband Had Served Prison Sentence.

Many people, doubtless, "disappear" for reasons of their own. Debt, crime or some other hidden page in their apparently blameless lives may be the real reason for their going.

Little did the wife of a Manchester man know into what terrible entanglement her husband had got ten years before. He was thought to be a respectable merchant; his home life was happy and blameless.

One day he went out to buy a newspaper and returned no more.

For years his wife mourned him as dead, until one day during the war he came back. He was now a soldier, but his disappearance was explained by the fact that, under another name and in another town, he had been carrying on a fraudulent stock and share office—a "bucket-shop"—and had been arrested and sentenced to a long term. He was released during the war, and while serving in France had thought of the once happy wife he had so misled. Hence his sudden reappearance to a world which had almost forgotten him.—London Answers.

If a man knows a great deal, he is bound to tell it, either vocally or with the pen.

There is the temperament that would rather be beaten than compromise.

## What Kind of a Day Do You Wish Yourself?

Suppose you could make a wish at the breakfast table and finally have the wish come true. Would you say,

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